

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 47-63 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1-46 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment filed concurrently with the present application.

Claims 47-63 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,831 to TRUITT et al. ("the '831 patent"). As suggested by the Examiner, a Terminal Disclaimer executed by the undersigned applicant's representative in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is submitted herewith to disclaim the term of a patent resulting from the present application from extending beyond that of the '831 patent. Accordingly, applicants respectfully requests that the above obviousness-type double patent rejection be withdrawn.

The Commission is authorized to charge the Terminal Disclaimer fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) to deposit account no. 50-0558. Two copies of a Fee Transmittal form are submitted for this purpose.

This response is being filed within the three-month statutory response period which expires on July 7, 2006. In addition, no additional claim fees are believed to be required as a result of the above amendments to the claims. Nevertheless, the Commission is authorized to charge any fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to deposit account no. 50-0558.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

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